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**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine - Staffing the IC - deputy operations and environmental unit rotations

Monica,

Thanks for the update. I've reached out to our trained ENVLs and at this time no one can start on September 8. As for the Deputy Ops position, since R9 doesn't have anyone at this time I reached out to R10 and learned that they do not have anyone available, at this time, to deploy.

I'll continue to reach out to R9 RSC members and hopefully have people available for the next round.

Best,

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Just to keep you in the loop.

**From:** Smith, Monica

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**To:** Buchholz, Ken; Hayes, Scott

**Cc:** Ronnie Crossland; Petersen, Chris; Webster, Susan; Lee, Eugene; Christopher Ruhl; Crable, Gregory; Williams, Laura; Althea Foster; Guria, Peter

**Subject:** Gold King Mine - Staffing the IC - deputy operations and environmental unit rotations

Ken and Scott – Yesterday, Susan Webster mentioned to Ken that we were in need of some assistance in backfilling some positions at the IC in Durango.

Chris Petersen and I were on a call with Region 8, IC, and EOC earlier this morning to come up with a plan on which positions Region 6, 8, and 9 were willing to be responsible for backfilling. Region 6 committed to staffing the IC position behind Chris Ruhl for the next two weeks with Althea Foster after which time it will be filled from a national pool.

Region 6 committed to staffing the Deputy Operations Section Chief position and are hopeful that Region 6 and Region 7 can work out a rotation to cover the duration of the response. Region 6 also committed to backfilling a technical specialist/risk assessor in the Environmental Unit and are hopeful that Region 6 and Region 7 can work out a rotation to cover the duration of the response.

Please let me know if you have someone available to backfill in the Environmental Unit and the deputy operations section chief position starting Tuesday September 8. This position is currently filled by Bill Rhotenberry from Region 6. He will be demobing on Tuesday. Althea was originally scheduled to backfill Bill; however, they need her to backfill behind Chris.

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